

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 16, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. 69.

Mr. PHELPS submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was recommitteed the bill authorizing the payment of the seven years' half-pay, on account of the revolutionary services of Captain William Kelley, report :*

Sundry documents are presented to the committee, tending to show the identity of the petitioner as the heir of Captain Kelley, as also the *bona fide* character of the claim. But there is nothing in the additional evidence tending to obviate the very decisive objections taken to the claim in former report of the committee, viz : 1. That Captain Kelley having died in September, 1777, and before the seven years' half pay was allowed by the resolution of May 15, 1778, neither he nor his children were entitled to such half-pay by virtue of said resolution ; and,

2dly. That, if they were entitled, under any law of the State of Pennsylvania, there is a satisfactory presumption, at this day, under all the circumstances of the case, that the claim has long since been satisfied.

The committee, therefore, report their recommendation that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Thomas Allen, print.

